

SAPIUM VERUM. 24640. From Chaparral, Tolima, Colombia.

Purchased from Mr. Andres Rocha. Received Feb 2.

"Seeds of the Tolima (Virgen) Rubber Tree, once common in the forests of the upper valleys of the Magdalena Basin in Colombia, but to-day scarcely seen in its wild state and seldom cultivated. It grows in a temperate, almost cold but equable climate between 1800 and 3200 meters altitude, in such conditions of soil and general environment as to make the possibility of its acclimatization in Florida very doubtful. It might be tried with better prospects of success in the upper forest zone of the Philippine Islands as well as in Hawaii and Porto Rico. When cultivated in its own country it thrives splendidly. Trees 8-10 years old are expected to yield annually from 1-3 kilograms of rubber of very high quality, second only to the best Para. It flowers for the first time when about three years old. As far as is known the only way of obtaining a full yield of the latex is to fell the trees, the average product being from 5-8 kilograms of raw rubber per tree. This method is generally applied to the wild trees, which explains the rapid disappearance of the species." (Pittier.)

STIZOLOBIUM SP. 24766. From Biloxi, Miss. Grown by Prof.

S. M. Tracy. Received Feb. 25. A variety of the Florida velvet bean with seeds white or nearly white. Limited experience with it indicates that it is more prolific than the ordinary velvet bean." (Piper.)

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

AUSTRALIA, Sydney. Anderson Brothers, Jan. 15. Have advised their collector to secure seeds of salt bushes other than those previously sent; also *Salicornia tenuis*.

BRAZIL, Bahia. P. P. Demers, Jan. 31. Promises to send seed of a bamboo found there. Feb. 3. Will send seeds of *Attalea funifera*, called there Piassava. Its fibers are used for making brooms and brushes; the nut produces a fine quality of lubricating oil.

BRAZIL, Manaos. John H. Hamilton, Feb. 5. Has sent to